

PUNTA GORDA HOLIDAY REGATTA

Saturday morning opened with chilly temperatures for southwest Florida, but soon rose to near 80. The wind was on the borderline between A and B rigs. Several skippers bounced between the two rigs, but by late morning, it was clear that this was now a "B" rig day. By the end of the third race, two skippers were starting to set the pace over the rest of the pack, Alan Perkins and Al Dion were tied with 11 points.

Sunday was warmer and windier. Gusts were routinely over 20 before the racing ended. At least one boat tried to play submarine and there were more than a handful of wipeouts which resulted in at least one dismasting. One major tangle-up on Sunday now known as the "Hedderick's Headache" was resolved with 5 boats being granted redress in one race !

While the top two finishers were within 9 points of each other, they were almost 30 points ahead of the next place in a league of their own.

On at least two occasions skippers needed a "hold" for repairs and several other skippers immediately jumped in to help. It is this kind of comradery that makes this sport so special and rewarding.

Three Lady Skippers participated in the Regatta, Brenda Pardee, Laura Novak, Virginia Kendall. Fantastic, keep it up!

A big "Thank You" to Art Hawes and his crew of Sun Coast Model Sailing Club volunteers. Trophies went to the first 5 places plus the Ancient Mariner award to Fred Pfeil. There were 8 seniors (70+) in the fleet.

Full Report at the Florida 12 website <http://www.floridaec12.com/regattas.html>

For full result places see EC12 Discussion post and photo link.

http://ec12.org/Clubhouse/Discussion/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=1372

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Places/points

1. Alan Perkins 37

2. Al Dion 46

3. Bob Greer 74

4. Jon Luscomb 82

5. Dick Hedderick 90

7. Fred Pfeil 107 Ancient Mariner